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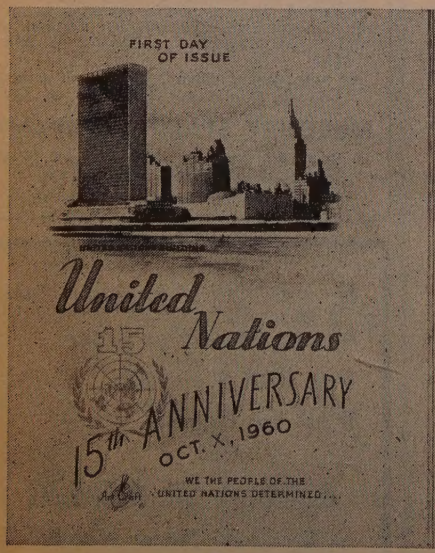

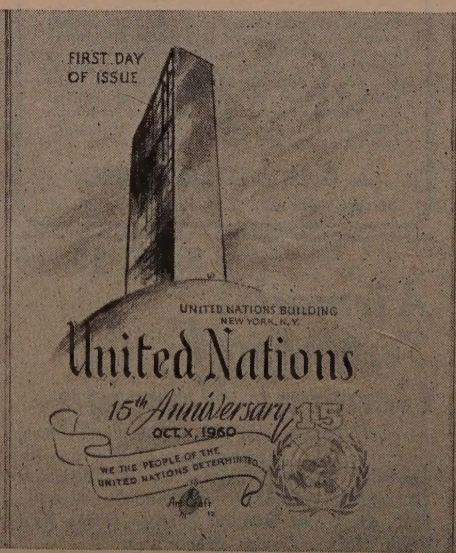

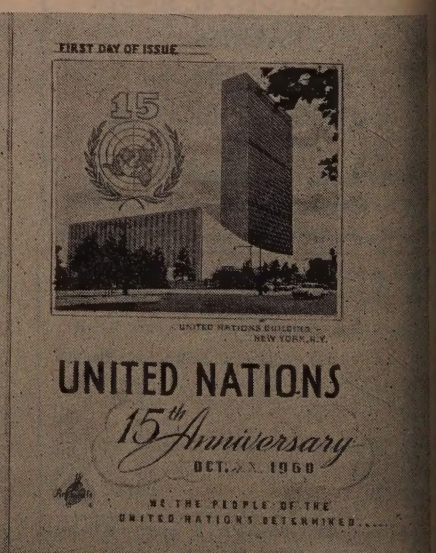

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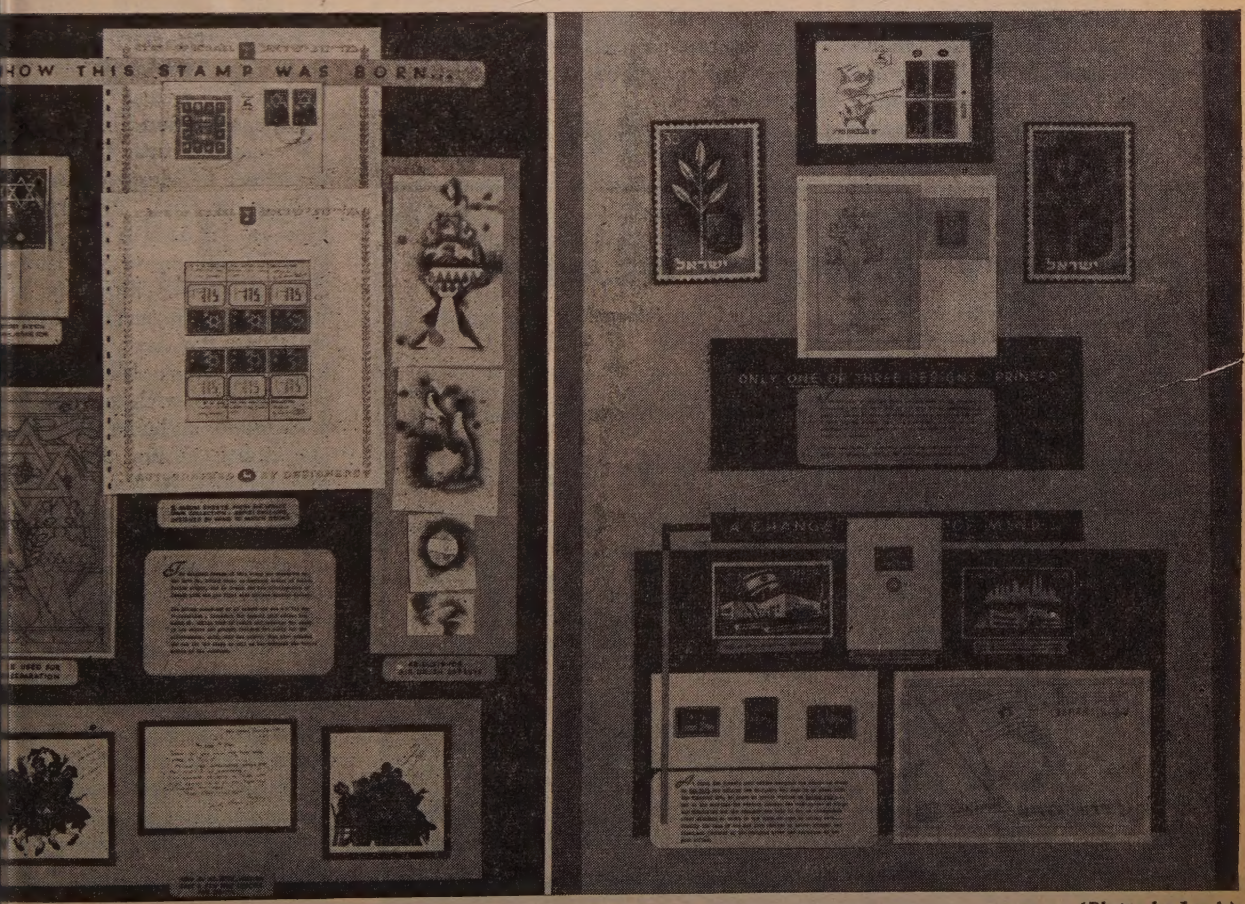
onio Club cial Program on Willie Wind

MBERS of the *San Anio Philatelic Association* re delighted on the eveily 22, 1960 with a ten libit and lecture on the *Willie W. Wind,* noted demember of the permaof artists of the United Mr. Wind sent three of ames to the showing.

mber of years the club's *Travis L. Land,* has been ondence with Mr. Wind, nade a specialty of maated to the famous designer. In the exhibit were many beautiful folders especially designed by *Mr. Wind,* autographed stamps, aerogrammes, and significant first day covers.

Land told the story of Mr. Wind while the audience viewed the panels of items. Members learned a good bit about the trials and tribulations of a designer. From Mr. Wind's panels, one learned that even after a design has been accepted, it is subject to change and requires a lot of extra work by the designer. This occurred in the case of Israel ₪65, issued to publicize the inauguration of the American Zionist House in Tel-Aviv. Originally, Mr. Wind's design showing the Zionist House with two foreground flags, American and Israeli, was accepted. In the meantime, after the artist had completed the design from his rough sketch, he was asked to eliminate the flag combination and incorporate some other elements. The stamp finally appeared with the skyline of New York in silhouette above and back of the Zionist house.

Another problem of the artist is that of designing a series to reflect a story, and having only one design accepted for use. As one views the airbrush sketches of the three designs submitted by Mr. Wind for the 1953 Fifth Anniversary of the State of Israel, he cannot help but feel that, although



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Three frames shown at the San Antonio Philatelic Association on July 22, 1960, when the works of artist and stamp designer Willie W. Wind were shown and discussed

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the single stamp is beautiful, the symbolic set of three would have added much to the glory of the occasion. The theme of Fifth Anniversary is carried out by the five anemones on Israel #73, but the additional sketches of like design, showing a branch with five olive leaves and the other with five ears of wheat, would have added much.

Another interesting panel shown was that of Israel's Rosh Hashonnah of 1950. This is a most intricate design, originally done by the world famous *Arthur Szyk,* in fifteen colors. Mr. Szyk, of Polish-Jewish origin, is famous for his illustrations of Jewish life, and particularly for his art fight against Hitler. As submitted, the design could not be used, so *Willie Wind* was asked to re-work and re-design the stamp for two colors and prepare the finished "art ready" for the offset camera. He did so, and also created the tab for the stamp as well as the design of the twelve tribes for the first day envelope.

In this panel Mr. Wind had artfully arranged special friskets for airbrush effects, keyline used for color separation, and also mounted some miniatures, and a letter from Mr. Szyk written only a few days before his death.

Mr. Wind has designed stamps for several countries, including the 8c Rotary of the United States. The Black Star Line set of Ghana is his work, the Red Cross set of Togo, the U.N. 4c of 1957, and many many others.

What kind of a man is this Chicago artist? All money received from his stamp designs is turned over to the CARE organization. He has been the subject of many articles, and in the *Judaica Post* of March 1960 he wrote a signed article titled "My Favorite Set of Stamps". Want to guess? It was a set of designs never used! It was a set of the Prophets based on *Michelangelo.*

Mr. Wind has been most generous with his time in behalf of stamp collectors, and the San Antonio club certainly has cause to thank him for the wonderful showing, which this report from them indicates is not lacking.

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The 1960 seal was designed by *Koya Oshiro,* professor of Art at Kokusai Junior College in Chatan-son and a member of the executive committee of the Okinawa Art E

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It speaks of his happy life with his good wife, Theresa, in a spacious house he built 47 years ago in Brooklyn. The Glasers have three sons, three daughters, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. "They're spread all over the world —Mexico, Rome, West Germany," Mr. Glaser is quoted.

Jake Glaser specialized in hospitals in his profession as an architect, having designed about 200 hospitals all over the country, as well as some factories, apartment houses, and one-family houses. In 1908 he took over his father's construction company, retiring fifteen years ago; one of his sons now runs the firm.

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MORRIS FORTGANG, long a student of the One-Cent 1851-1857 issues, passed away on Friday, August 5, 1960, the victim of a heart ailment. Born in New York City in 1899 he attended the High School of Commerce and the College of the City of New York where he specialized in Journalism. Upon graduation, he became a reporter for the *New York Daily Mail,* covering political events. After some years in this field, he left to enter the paper and twine business, retiring in 1955. In the years that followed he devoted a considerable part of his time to his philatelic activities.

He formed his first stamp collection at the age of nine, and remained an avid collector for the rest of his life. He formed an extensive collection of fine United States stamps, but in 1946 he turned to the early issues, concentrating in particular on the One-Cent stamps of 1851-1857. His work on the reconstruction of plates 3 and 5 of that stamp have added greatly to the now available knowledge.

A scholarly person and a capable writer, he possesed a photographic memory which proved of great value in his studies. He memorized hundreds of plate positions of the One-Cent stamp and could identify them with a certainty that was the admiration of his many colleagues.

He wrote numerous articles, including an introduction to the study of the One-Cent 1851-1857, which appeared in the Centennial Book published by the *National Philatelic Museum.* He was long a collaborator with the late *Stanley B. Ashbrook* in their joint studies of the 1851-1860 issues. More recently, in collaboration with another student, he had been preparing material for the publication of an additional volume on the One-Cent 1851-1857 stamps as a supplement to the books written by Mr. Ashbrook.

A modest and unassuming man, Mr. Fortgang made many contributions, both in time and money to assisting worthwhile philatelic activities, exhibitions, and publications. He was treasurer of the United States 1851-1860 Unit of the A. P. S., and helped in placing this group in a strong financial position. He was a member of the *Collectors Club* of New York and many other philatelic organizations.

His survivors are his wife, *Anne Fortgang;* a daughter, *Madelyn Kestenbaum;* a son, *Joe Franklin,* well known TV and radio personality, and two grandchildren.

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This is the twelfth year the contest has been held and it is open to all wildlife artists in the United States and Canada.

Artists who desire to enter their drawings in the contest should submit them on or before the deadline date of November 7 to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

The drawings will be judged in November, and the winning design selected, by a committee composed of art and waterfowl authorities.

The theme to be featured on the stamp for the 1961-62 stamp will be "Habitat Produces Ducks". This is more or less a rephrasing of last year's theme of "Wildlife Needs Water: Preserve Wetlands", but, as Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife points out, "The need for saving wetlands for waterfowl is becoming more acute each year and we must continue to emphasize the need for action in acquiring vital wetlands for the production of waterfowl."

Although all forms of treatment of this theme will be considered by the judging committee. Fish and Wildlife Service officials urge artists to portray either a nesting bird or a duck and her brood in the design in order to emphasze the important waterfowl aspects of marshes.

Artists are given a wide latitude in the choice of medium—pen and ink, oil, water-color, etching, pencil, etc., but all designs must be in black and white only, and 5 x 7 inches in size.

Interested artists who desire to enter the contest may submit as many designs as they wish. Upon request to the Service, prospective contestants will be sent a leaflet containing contest rules and suggestions, along with a copy of the agreement covering reproduction rights. This agreement is to be signed and returned to the Service prior to the contest judging. If an artist sends in more than one design, he must sign a separate agreement for each one.

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This means, of course, that it is left to the ingenuity of collectors to figure out if and how they can contrive to get stamps in Mexico, have them affixed there to envelopes, and then flown to Los Angeles to be serviced the same day. For most collectors, it will of course be an impossibility, and presumably our Post Office Department is being as cooperative as circumstances permit. For our own part we have had to advise inquiring collectors that *we do not know of anyone who can take care of this for them.*

The first day cancellation used by the Los Angeles post office on September 16th will feature the coat of arms of the Republic of Mexico: the condor and snake, facing left.

U.S.-Japan Centennial Commemorative Date Changed

The issuance date of the 4c U.S.-Japan Centennial commemorative stamp has been changed from September 26 to September 28, 1960, to coincide with the presence in Washington of Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko. First day cover requests received by the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., will be held until the new date.

Slogan and Special Cancellations

Four branch post offices have been authorized in conjunction with philatelic events during September. They are: September 10-11, 1960—Mid-Kansas Philatelic Society Exhibition Station, Salina, Kansas; September 14-18, 1960—American First Day Cover Society Convention Station, and "Chesapex '60" Baltimore,

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CE4 . .34	J8 ... .27	O4 ... .20	O21 .. .25
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How Lower Sandusky Became Fremont

By D. W. GARBER

THE name *Sandusky* is of Indian origin. It was familiar to LaSalle and Father Hennepin as early as 1679, and first appears on a 1717 map, prepared by *Sieur Vermale.* Sandusky is found, with various forms of spelling, in narratives of traders and missionaries who traveled along the southern shore of Lake Erie. The present spelling evolved from attempts to record the phonetic sound of the word, interpreted as Sandoski, Sandusket, Sandosque, Sa,un-dus-tee, and many other forms. The name means clear cool water.

It was widely used to identify geographical locations in the expanding settlement of the Old Northwest Territory. In fact, because of its historical association, the name was applied to so many places that is became confusing.

Unlike many communities where the multiple usage of a name has proved annoying, one town, Lower Sandusky, determined that a change should be made.

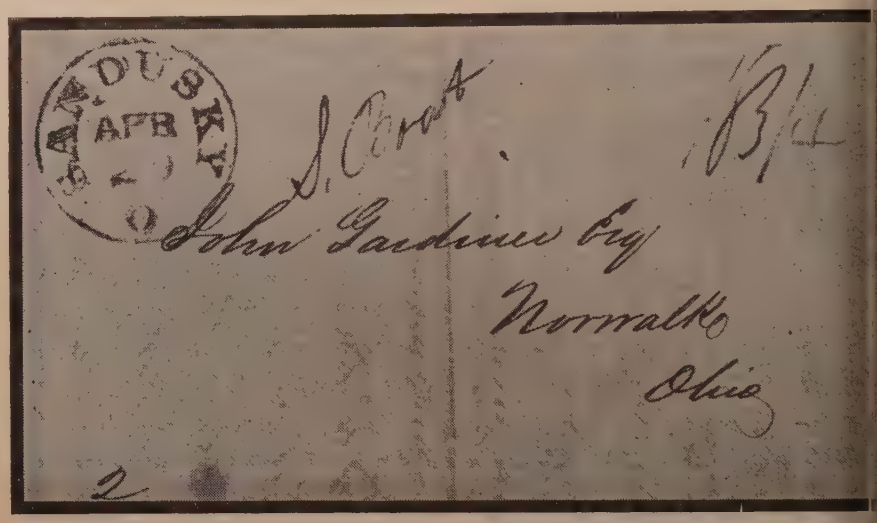
Lower Sandusky, on the Sandusky River, was in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, Ohio. To the south, *Upper Sandusky* was also on the Sandusky River, while to the east, *Sandusky* or *Sandusky City,* was on Sandusky Bay. The confusion in multiple usage is apparent.

In 1849, at the October Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Sandusky county, the name *Lower Sandusky* was officially changed to *Fremont.* The legal action required in making the change provided an interesting moment in the career of *Rutherford Birchard Hayes,* a young attorney of the village. *Hayes* presented the petition to the Court, asking for a change of name.

Hayes, who was to become the nineteenth president of the United States, began the practice of law at Lower Sandusky in 1845. In December 1849, two months after the name of the town was changed, he moved to Cincinnati and continued his career, which toook him to Congress, to the office of Governor of Ohio, and eventually to the White House in Washington. Upon the expiration of his administration as President, Hayes returned to Spiegel Grove, his estate at Fremont, where he spent the remaining years of his life. His beautiful estate became his last resting place, and the site of the *Hayes Memorial Library.*

This excellent library is rich in material on the life of *Rutherford B. Hayes,* and the history of the Old Northwest Territory. A letter found in the manuscript collections, written by Hayes while in retirement, provides the background for this article. This letter, and a cover located in the Hayes family papers which shows an Upper Sandusky postmark, are used through the courtesy of *Mr. Watt P. Marchman,* the director of the Hayes Memorial Library.

Rutherford B. Hayes wrote the letter to *Henry Howe,* the famous historian, who used it as the basis for a brief story concerning the



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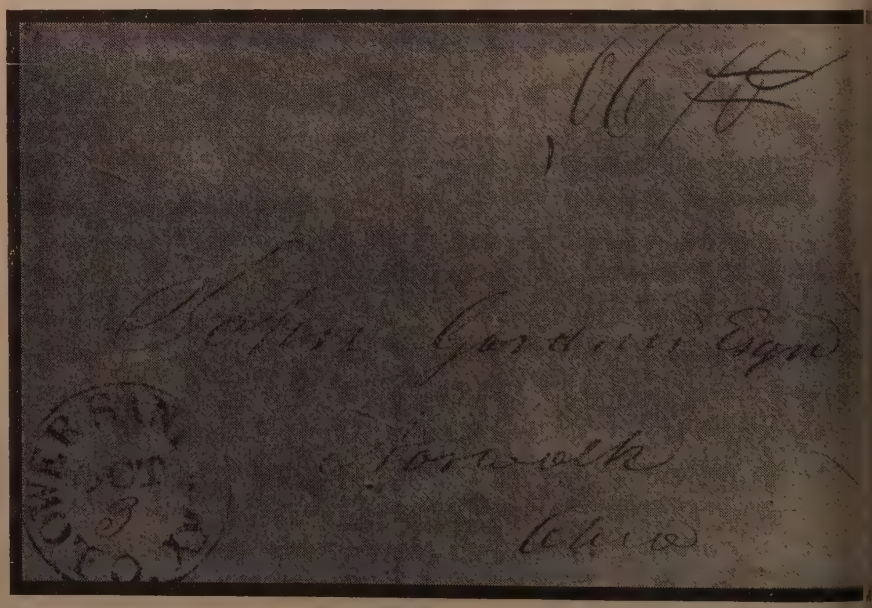

Cover addressed to the same John Gardner, postmarked Oct. 3 at Lower Sandusky,

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ky in a revised edition of his
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sident Hayes's punctuation, ac-
panies this article.

"Spiegel Grove
Fremont, O.
22 Jan. 89

r Mr. Howe:
. There were *two* "characters" in
er Sandusky—both given to poetry—I
n addicted to scribbling rhymes. One,
kins; the other a *wit*—Judge Elisha
Howland. The latter, Howland, wrote
protest against changing the name of
Town from Lower Sandusky to Fre-
nt. I, as a young lawyer, presented the
ition to the Court of Com. Pleas
the Citizens, who were substantially
nimous in asking for the change. The
ing reason was that *Sandusky* was the
e, or a part of the name of *five* Post
ces in this part of the State; three of
were County seats. This caused infi-
confusion in the receipt of mail mat-
and even in the shipment of freight.
hen I presented the application to the
rt, the Judge asked me if there was no
ction to the change. I replied that one
known and honored Citizen, Judge
land, was opposed to it, and that I
ld read his remonstrance which he had
sted to me. It was in rhyme and con-
ed seven verses. All were pithy. . . .
Sincerely,
Rutherford B. Hayes."

nly one stanza of the poem, writ-
by Judge Howland and recited
Hayes, was included in the let-
but the essence of the poem is a
not to change the name Sandus-
to Fremont.

arly records of the Post Office
artment, now in the National
hives at Washington, show that a
office was established at Lower
dusky on April 9, 1829, with
nt F. Torguson appointed as the
postmaster. The Post Office
artment officially changed the
e of the office to *Fremont* on
ember 1, 1849, in compliance
Judge Howland's order. *Wil-*
M. Stark, who served as post-
ter from August 15, 1843, until
ember 1, 1850, held the office
n the change was made.

he selection of the name *Fre-*
t to replace *Lower Sandusky* re-
s the popularity enjoyed by
C. Fremont, the "Great Path-
er." The imagination of the pub-
had been intrigued by his discov-
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mountain regions, had made
a popular hero, similar to the
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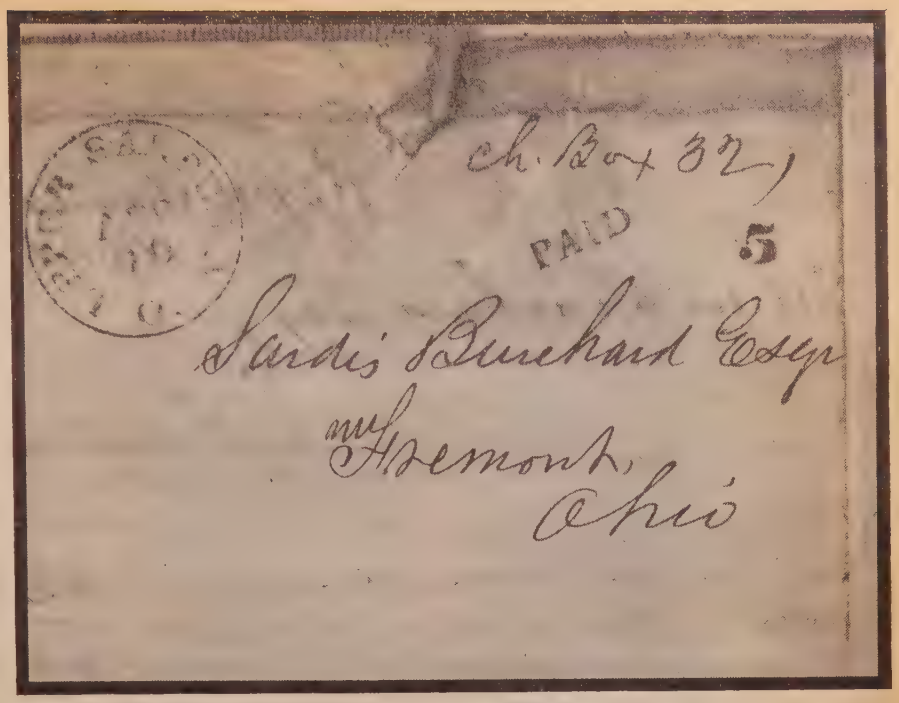

Cover from the Sardis Birchard Papers, with the Upper Sandusky postmark, shown by courtesy of The Rutherford B. Hayes Library, Fremont, Ohio

Numerous towns and geographical locations now bear Fremont's name, including the former Lower Sandusky, and they provide Fremont lasting recognition.

Many localities in the United States bear names with a common origin. The repetition of a name by surburban communities with the addition of north, south, or east and west, present problems for the postal service. Changes such as the people of Lower Sandusky had the courage to make a century ago would doubtless be welcome in many instances where multiple usage is confusing.

Fixation grows from habit. In some cases indifference and lethargy prevent the substitution of a more imaginative name than the one borrowed from another community. Sentimental attachment to a name having historical background is often a deterrent.

Contemporary covers from three of the Sanduskys, each of which was a county seat, show the confusion emphasized in Hayes's letter to Henry Howe. These covers are neither rare nor valuable, but they illustrate the problem which is becoming increasingly acute with the rapid growth of our country's population.

There are, of course, precedents for changing the name of a town although such changes are rare. At Lower Sandusky, Rutherford B. Hayes provided a precedent by submitting the petition to have the name of the town changed to Fremont, and thereby added one small chapter to the history of philatelic Americana.

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hilatelic Notes

y George van den Berg

YOU'RE IN JAPAN and want a new hilatelic adventure, don't miss the esale stamp auctions held at Okochi-ini, not far out from Tokyo Central on. They are held the first, third, fourth Sundays of the month, have running for over twenty years, and a Japanese "institution." They're d on the second floor of the Chikuyu an (Public Assembly Hall) under auspices of the genial Mr. Okawa, knows everybody and introduces you around, making you feel quite at e. As for how to get there, it's y involved, but any dealer will be to draw you a map. Indeed, as as not, he'll invite you to accom- him to the next one, even calling e Imperial Hotel (all Americans stay !). Our friend Hiroshi Wada, the esaler (Box 32, Asakusa, Tokyo) me.

e building itself is quite unpre-essing, being just another of the many Kaikan one finds on every hand. used for business conferences, club ings, family gatherings, weddings, the like (most of them booked hs ahead). Indeed, there's no poster de announcing the sale and you'd find it if you didn't know exactly e to go. But your friend turns in e right door, you check your shoes stairs, keeping on your overcoat and and gratefully remembering that you woolen socks and have slip-ons in pocket, climb the stairs, pay the Yen (28c) admission charge to Mrs. a, register with her and meet Mr. a, who makes the rounds with you. r go as early as 1 P.M. There's a f private trading before 2 P.M. the auction begins, and some mighty transactions can be carried through at basis.

ny have been attending regularly ears; for instance, Riichi Yoshida, Y. azawa, Mr. Fukuoka, T. Yonehara, er Germain and Mr. Wada, of e. There is always a sprinkling of icans such as Ray Milling, Comp- r for *The Pacific Stars and Stripes;* ant Pratt, of Dickinson, New Hamp- in from a nearby base; and Mr. er, who divides his time between rnia and Hong Kong, with long ers in Japan. And then there's f.

e moves around the matted floor ocked against the cold if it's the r season, imbibing cup after cup of tea which is dispensed on the house, who has this and who has that the whistle blows and private trans- s close. It's cash and carry, and bring along a lot of small bills coins for it's almost impossible to change. Actually, many buyers do of their business between 1 and 2 ou can expect almost anything, from all lot of Dragon Heads and single s to a big box containing half a million or more commons in neatly thread-tied lots of 100 each. The early bird gets the worm!!

Precisely at 2 P.M., Mr. Okawa blows the whistle, everyone sits cross-legged on zabutan (well-padded pillows) carefully arranged in a double circle around the room, and vendors begin passing along boxes containing their wares. These boxes move along from left to right, you look at a lot which interests you, quickly passing on those with no appeal, and drop a crumpled slip bearing your name and bid on anything you want. Everything moves at good speed, and as many as 300 boxes will come along in an hour.

A box may contain an original post-office parcel of commems, a parcel of fiscals in sheets, single covers bearing old commems, a stockbook of 500 "specimen" stamps, an inventory of a lot of postal stationery too bulky to pass, a bundle of packets, a pile of iron curtain stuff in cancelled-to-order shape, a big plastic bag stuffed with commems, sealed old and new government kilos, an assortment of 1,000 old coins, new and used catalogs, a bundle of stockbooks in original wrappers, etc.

When a box gets back to the owner, he uncrumples the bid sheets, decides whether or not he wishes to sell to the highest bidder (he is under no obligation to accept it) and, if he does so, he saunters over to the bidder, gives the material to him, collects and moves back to his own place. No commission is paid Mr. Okawa by either seller or buyer. He's simply the official host and everybody's on his own.

One stunt is to watch the progress of a lot dear to your heart and if somebody else gets it, just walk over to him and ask how much he'll take. It's terribly hard to know what to bid, for some things go very cheaply (fiscals and postal stationery, for instance) while others hit the sky. But I've almost never been turned down by the initial buyer. I'll be alongside noting that he gets the item for say 480 yen and he'll ask only 500 or 510 for it. I got one fine lot of old covers which sold for 5,200 yen for only 5,500—small on-the-spot profits seem to satisfy, and that's the best way for a foreigner to operate.

Of course all this involves a good bit of moving about on the part of sellers but there's surprisingly little confusion. Then, at 3, the whistle blows, cakes, and more tea are passed around and floor prizes based on lucky registration slips drawn are distributed (they always evoke great hilarity!) and, after an interval, the sale reopens to a much-thinned crowd until everything salable has been placed at acceptable prices (some real bargains can be had at this stage) and everybody goes home.

One nice aspect of such sales is that you are forever meeting new folk and are invited to their shops or homes and thus you get to know who's who and what's what.

A tremendous amount of material changes hands each time, really big sums of money are on the bidders' persons, and one wants to go again and again and again for no two sessions are alike and literally anything may turn up at any time.

THE Japan International Philatelic Association, c/o The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, P.O. Box 25, Azabu, Tokyo, is a unique government agency, aimed at serving collectors the world around in the interests of international understanding. It operates from the same building where the Japanese Philatelic Agency was once located (the latter is now in the Tokyo Central Post Office), but is in no way connected with the latter and refers all calls for current and recent mint issues to it. The Chief is English-speaking Mr. S. Miyake, one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met, and

CANADA

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The Association likewise supplies the national dealers' catalog, looseleaf albums for Japanese stamps with explanatory notes in English, loose pages for the same, collections of mint and used Japanese stamps and packets of used material as well as copies of *Japan and Stamps,* a sumptuously illustrated annual in English on Japanese postage stamps, all at prices indicated in its pricelist, together with the offer of a special sample parcel and information on terms of payment. As at the Philatelic Agency, a deposit can be made, the amount depending upon material desired, and the latter is automatically sent as it appears.

The Association has become fairly well known by word of mouth, for one pleased collector tells another, and it gets orders from collectors and dealers alike, the world around. On various occasions when I've been there I've seen orders from collectors in Vancouver, London, Boston, Mexico City, San Paulo, Washington, and Capetown being filled with loving care. Mr. Miyake tells me that the organization's stellar client is the Seven Seas Stamp Company of Dubbo, New South Wales, Australia, whose dynamic head, William Hornadge (an old friend from our Australian days) was in Japan with Jean, his wife, on a buying trip some years back, and who is currently planning another business run up from down under.

THE Tokyo Stamp Dealers Association is an active trade organization of thirty members, meeting at 4 P.M. every ten days, at which time a tremendous amount of stock changes hands in a short time.

The President is 70-year-old Mr. Wada, who has been in the trade for aln half a century, taking over from his fa of imitation stamps tourist sheet fi and now owner of a fine ground fl combination stamp and toy shop at 1-Chome, Kanda-Jinbocho, Chiyoda Tokyo (the famed bookstore part of capital city).

The Vice-President is Y. Kumaza a highly respected gentleman in his who, like most Japanese dealers, ca on from his home at 16 Maruyama Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. Mr. Kumazaw kindly person, never too busy to aid lectors by supplying paper varieties wartime and later issues which are cl but very elusive, likewise goes out of way teaching younger dealers Eng foreign trade customs and practices in advising them on business mat He generally attends the twice-a-m meetings of the Tokyo Stamp Cl St. Mary's International School as as most bourses and his name const crops up.

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The cover which we show here was carried on this atomic-powered submarine on that occasion. The cover bears official cachets, and there is a third one on its reverse side; it has the postmark of the post office nearest Cape Canaveral, that of Port Canaveral.

I wonder how many lucky cover collectors happened to have covers on board for this historic unannounced event!

—HARRY A. GORDON

Cover carried on the U.S.S. George Washington when it fired the first Polaris missile under water to a target over a thousand miles away, and hit it.

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Siegfried Simon

SIEGFRIED Simon, of Stampcenter—Europe, Newark, New Jersey, died on July 27, 1960, after a long illness.

Mr. Simon was a well-known specialist in the stamps of Germany and Old German States. He was also the author of the *Baden Handbook*.

He is survived by his wife, Johanna; two sons, Sam and Bert, and two grandchildren.

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Canadian U.N. Slogans

IN our issue of June 11, 1960, *Horace D. Westbrooks, P.O. Box 252, Griffin, Georgia,* reported that he had discovered seventeen Canadian post offices had used a slogan between June 15 and 30, 1955, reading "UNITED NATIONS/10th ANNIVERSARY/June 26, 1955."

He had learned the names of a number of post offices which had used the slogan, but was unable to find any dealer in Canada who knew about them or anyone who could supply them. He asked any of our readers who might be able to furnish further information or supply some of the cancellations to write him.

Mr. Westbrooks now reports that he got a wonderful response from our readers, as a result of which he not only learned more about the 1955 slogan, but also about the Refugee Year Slogan, also a U.N. topical. He has received the official list of the post offices using the Refugee slogan, and finds that the same seventeen post offices used it that used the 1955 slogan. They are as follows: St. Johns, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick; Montreal, Quebec (English and French); Quebec, Quebec (French only); Hamilton, Ontario; London, Ontario; Ottawa, Ontario; Toronto, Ontario; Windsor, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Regina, Saskatchewan; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta; Edmonton, Alberta; Vancouver, British Columbia; Victoria, British Columbia.

The Refugee slogan was in use during the entire months of May and June 1960. Mr. Westbrooks lacks a few of these cities which used the Refugee slogan, and would appreciate hearing from collectors who have duplicates, preferably on *entire envelopes.* He also lacks a few of the 1955 United Nations slogans. He has a few duplicates for trade; none are for sale, but he would like to exchange duplicates with similarly interested collectors.

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THE beginnings of this study, under the signature of *Georges Lamy,* appeared in the French magazine *Le Philateliste Belge,* based almost exclusively on Peruvian cancellations in the author's own collection. His appeal in that article for the help of other collectors in completing the work by notifying him of other unrecorded types of cancellations in their possession met with gratifying response. At the request of interested collectors, translations of the work appeared in English in the *Strand Stamp Journal,* London, and in Spanish in the journal of the *Association Filatelic Peruana,* Lima, Peru.

For the present extended study, the personal contribution of *Jacques Andre Rinck,* with Peruvian documents of the utmost interest and with his philatelic competence, has been of greatest value. Other eminent philatelists have made contributions through answering the appeal, and the result is a remarkably comprehensive production which has been so proclaimed by the experts who have seen it. *L. Dubus,* of the *Academie de Philatelie,* and a signer of the *Roll of Distinguished Philatelists,* in a preface to the work, states that a study of the cancellations of Peru has never previously been published, and the few articles that have appeared have been very incomplete. It is therefore obvious that every collector of Peru will want one of these books, which have been brought out in a limited edition of only 300 numbered copies.

The book will be completely useful to anyone who understands French or Spanish or English, as all three languages are used for the full coverage.

Following related historical notes, the book goes into the matter of postal organization, showing that the total number of post offices open in 1870 was 166, divided into 20 postal districts. This figure included 19 departmental head offices, 70 receiving offices, and 77 delivery offices. A list in the last section of the book, however, includes 30 names of post offices opened after 1870. The authors give a list of the postal divisions by district.

Succeeding this is a chapter on the *Classification and Quotation of the Cancellations and Stamps on Covers,* which is nicely illustrated with some very interesting covers.

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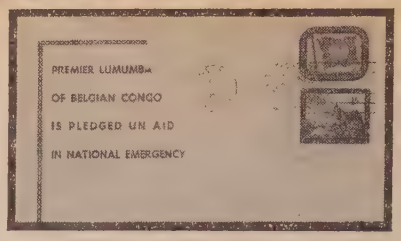

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All stamps mentioned in this column are understood to be in MINT condition unless stated otherwise. Whenever the author has used stamps in mind, he so indicates in the particular item.

FRANCE—Leaving the United States on the *S. S. Amsterdam,* we landed at Le Havre, France, almost a week later. It was a wonderful trip, with plenty of time for leisure and good food. This report should not turn out to be a travelog, but in order to understand present European conditions as related to philately, a few non-philatelic lines are relevant.

When we arrived in Paris, *Mr. and Mrs. Leon Skudin* were there to meet us at the railroad station. Mr. Skudin is the owner of *Peleheid,* the largest wholesale and retail new issue house in all Europe. When I asked him about present-day market conditions in Europe, and particularly in France, he wrapped it up nicely by saying, "Things aren't like they used to be any more."

He explained what he meant by saying that ten to fifteen years ago there were more general collectors or collectors who confined themselves to just a few countries. Today there are up to 80 percent topicalists and persons who confine themselves to one country, and only 20 percent general collectors. This fact makes the distribution of new issues very complicated. The collector of today decides which stamps belong in which category of topical collecting. Thousands of beginners get into the hobby through topical collecting, and they are becoming greater "addicts" and more difficult to serve than those of the era of "flyspeck" collecting! Dealers get some very odd orders from their customers, who find it difficult to meet the peculiar requests.

I informed my good friend that the situation is the same in the U. S. A., and no doubt other parts of the world, and dealers just have to adjust themselves to the trend no matter where it leads. Topical collecting will stay with us just as long as the countries of the world continue to issue so many, many stamps that fit into popular topical categories, and that's that.

There is no doubt that everything in France is outrageously expensive, and the average stamp collector's stamp allowance

fully absorbed by the flood of new sues. Not too many hard-earned franken e left for catching up with issues of oout 20 to 25 years ago, let alone the 9th century.

Post-war French and French Colonial nmmemoratives are getting more and ore costly, and I am not surprised, be- use the few depleted stocks and holdings saw were negligible, and dealers are xious to *import* from the United States, here there is some surplus material at wer prices than in France itself.

GERMANY (EAST) — Our next stop s Leipzig, Germany, home of the fa- ous Schaubek albums, represented in the nited States by *Schaubek Distributors,* Chicago, which the writer heads. The *chaubek Publications* are the only pri- te enterprise in all East Germany. The vner and his assistants met us at the ilroad station, and from there we went the large plant where the Schaubek bums are made. After an inspection of e plant, we were impressed all over ain with the great amount of care and rd work that goes into producing this perb album. I was assured that all the 61 supplements will be delivered to us Chicago *on time,* that is, about the iddle of September 1960. My general pression of East Germany was much the me as I encountered in West Germany the 1947-48 period.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Our next stop s Czechoslovakia. We took the night press from Leipzig to Prague, arriving xt morning at what was formerly Masa- k Station. We were greeted there by r. Boehm and Mr. Novotny, assistants Mr. Prokop, head of *Artia,* the Gov- nment Sales Agency for foreign trade in mps.

In Czechoslovakia stamps are to some tent cheaper than in the Western area Europe, but the supply of good stamps very low. As elsewhere in the world, zech collectors have turned to a large gree to topicals, particularly sports and y Scout issues, and to a lesser degree, N. related sets. Refugee issues, which e so feverishly collected everywhere out- de the "iron curtain", are unknown here, here the "curtain" has also dropped ainst stamps that do not have the gov- nment's sanction.

I managed to find a few Luxembourg s of the intellectuals, Scott's Nos. B65A B65Q, at a price that gave me a small rgin for resale. Nos. B 137/139 and 40 to 143, the Congress and Sokol is- es of 1925 and 1926, are very difficult find; and when available, the price is o high to buy for resale in the States. ese two sets are very frequently of- ed here in STAMPS, and in case you ed them for your collection of Czecho- vakia or for your Sports collection, the ne to get them is now. They never will any cheaper and the chances are that se two popular topicals will cost you ch more in the long run.

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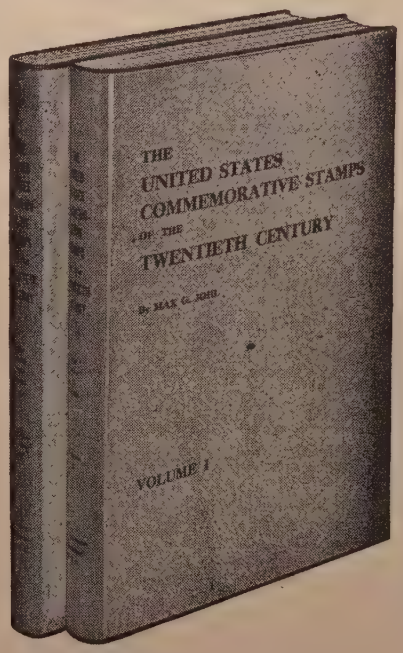

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As I mentioned before, the whole export trade is in the hands of ARTIA, while the local trade is taken care of by a government enterprise called POFIS, which buys, and sells, and trades stamps with collectors only. Any surplus material is turned over to ARTIA where in turn they are disposed of by exporting. Comparatively very little in better-grade stamps is offered by ARTIA, which mainly keeps stock of most of the post-war issues of Czechoslovakia mint and used (cancelled to order when complete sets are involved). Also every Sunday, there is a bourse at the Cafee Novak where former dealers and side-pocket operators meet collectors and a very active trading takes place. The interest is terrific. Forty to fifty dealers and semi-professionals trade with about 300 to 400 collectors every Sunday morning from 8 to 12 o'clock. Stamps or sets exceeding the value of 200 Crowns ($15.00 in our money) are not allowed to be traded or shown. The top values of the more expensive sets are kept separately and disposed of separately.

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U. S. Precancels

By Adolf Gunesch

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Parade of Bureau Precancels

ROY has nothing rare but has a Local precancel which can pass as a Bureau. 1945 a precancel from Troy, Ohio, de its appearance. It was a city type looked so much like a Bureau Print cancel that the experts were fooled a while. Upon close examination it l be found there is a slight difference the spacing of the lines. The lines on city type are further apart than in narrow Bureau Prints (S-K) but closer than in the wide (S-H). The letter "R" in "Troy" is the key to the situation. This letter in the Bureau Print type has a straight tail; in the city type the tail of the "R" is curved. According to reliable information, this city type was produced from a plate which was designed to simulate the Bureau Print type and with the approval of the authorities in Washington. This Local type exists on the ½c and 4c Presidential and the 2c War issue.

There are quite a few other Ohio Bureau precancels we have not mentioned, but none of them should cause you any trouble. Many of them have been replaced with the Liberty series, so it will pay you to complete your Presidential series while they still are available.

Bureau Style S-K

Local Type 6

OKLAHOMA

ONLY eight Post Offices used Bureau Precancels from the "Sooner" State; of these, only two had large Old Styles. Oklahoma has another distinction: it is one of the two States that used two different types on the large Old Style Bureaus. This is Oklahoma City; the other one is St. Louis, Mo.

COALGATE OKLA.

Large Old Style

OKLAHOMA OKLA

Rare G-C Cat. No. C1

Oklahoma City has a real rarity to its credit, which came about because it changed its official name from Oklahoma, Oklahoma to Oklahoma City, Okla. Only one denomination was used with the first spelling, that is, 1c 10 x 10, G-C. Cat. No. C1, and it is very rare both in single and blocks.

In the second type (Oklahoma City, Okla. Bureaus) large Old Styles we find some scarce items, the best of them being the 1c compound perforation, G-C cat. No. D12.

The second type of Oklahoma City is confused by many collectors with a Local Type, but if you compare the accompanying illustrations, and read the description carefully, you should have no trouble.

The small Old Style type was also changed from two-line spelling to three lines, which again produced some scarce items. In the two-line types, it is the 10c, 15c, and 20c; in the three-line it's the 12c, G-C Cat. No. J47. Checking the small Old Style coils, we note that the 1½c sideview Harding coil, G-C. Cat. No. H57, is very scarce. In the three-line type the 1c coil is not too plentiful.

In the Presidential series we also find two items that are scarce, the 1c coil in the two-line, and the ½c in the three-line type. This, of course, is a direct result of changing of the type of overprint. That is why we always warn collectors to get them while they are available.

Oklahoma City Okla.

Bureau Type S-D

Oklahoma City OKLA

Local Type Type I

In the city type of Oklahoma City the abbreviated state name "OKLA." appears in all capitals. In the Bureau type (S-D) both capitals and small letters are used in the abbreviation. The letters in the city type are also noticeably taller.

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

2 line Type

3 line Type

Coalgate is the other Post Office that used the large Old Style and a lone item at that. This 1½c coil, G-C Cat. No. A24, was never replaced with other Bureau Precancels. Just who used them and why we have never been able to find out. These coils are not common at all.

The rest of the Oklahoma Bureaus are not rare, but you will find a few that are hard to pick up, like Enid 1c Presidential wide-spacing and Shawnee ½c wide Presidential, Tulsa 1c coil in the small Old Style, or the 1c wide President from the same city.

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Coming Events

Aug. 24—The Phoenix Philatelic Association meeting in the Goettl Auditorium, 2005 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, Ariz. President *Robert Ditzler* will present a short report which will be followed by a slide program.

Aug. 26—The Garfield Perry Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, O. A.P.S. slide lecture on "Norway."

Sept. 5-10 — The Rutland County Stamp Club of Rutland, Vt., will hold its annual stamp and post card show in conjunction with the Rutland County Fair. For further information write to *L. E. Shoro, 92 Meadow St., Rutland, Vt.*

Sept. 6 — The Tucson Stamp Club meeting at 7:30 P.M., in Room 101, Arts Bldg., University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz. Installation of new officers.

Sept. 6—The Reading Stamp Collectors Club, 300 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa., meeting. *Dr. H. P. Shellabear* will show his collection of revenues.

Sept. 7—The Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Bank of Georgia, 1430 West Peachtree Street., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. Swapfest.

Sept. 7—The St. Petersburg Stamp Club meeting at Bache & Co., 556 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. Officers' reports and installation of officers.

Sept. 9—The New York Chapter of the American Topical Association meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Railroad Y.M.C.A., 224 E. 47th St., New York City. Awards will be presented to New York area winners of TOPEX 1960.

Sept. 12—The Metco Stamp Club meeting at 5:00 P.M., in the City Mortgage Conference Room, Area 9-B, South Bldg., Metropolitan Insurance Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York City.

Sept. 19 — The Arizona Society of Topical Collectors meeting at 6630 No. Central Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

Sept. 20—The Lakewood Stamp Club meeting at 7:00 P.M., at the Lakewood High School, Room 106, Bunts Rd. and Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, O. Auction.

Sept. 26 — Women's International Stamp Club will hold a joint-meeting with the Flatbush Philatelic Club at the Flatbush Unitarian Church, Beverly Rd. and E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., at 8:00 P. M.

Oct. 7—The Springfield Stamp Club, Springfield, Mass., meeting with host George W. Angers. *Everett E. Thompson* will present the program.

Oct. 8-9—The Cowlitz Valley Philatelic Roundup will be held at the Monticello Hotel, Longview, Washington. Among the events scheduled are an exhibit, bourse and auction. Printed cachets covers are available at 10c each from cachet chairman, *Mrs. Corinne Eggimann, 2221 Spirit Lake Rd., Castle Rock, Wash.* For other information write to chairman, *Clarence Tully, 804 Burcham St., Kelso, Washington.*

Oct. 15—The Maine Philatelic Society meeting at the Waterville Junior High School, Waterville, Me. Theme for session will be the United Nations.

Miscellaneous Club Notes

The Indianapolis Post Office is preparing a rubber stamp cachet to be used by the Indiana State Fair post office, August 31-September 8, 1960. They will also use a hand stamped State Fair cancellation. Collectors desiring this cachet and cancellation may send self-addressed stamped envelopes to the *Postmaster, Indianapolis, Indiana.*

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Interested collectors may obtain a sample copy of the quarterly bulletin of the Oklahoma Postal History Society by addressing their requests to *Tom J. Caldwell, 104 E. Broadway, Drumright, Oklahoma.* Further information on the society is available from Mr. Caldwell or from *Gaspare Signorelli, 1173 E. 51st St., Brooklyn 34, N. Y.*

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Old Ironsides Chapter No. 1, of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, in the Boston, Mass., area, meeting on the third Sunday of each month. Interested collectors are invited to attend meeting and to contact the secretary, *Mr. Elwood Ellis, 246 So. Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.*, for further information and place and time of meetings.

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By Irving F. Clark

IN the early days of my collecting, just before the turn of the century, no one that I know of in my locality paid any attention to covers. Now, as I look back, I believe we just didn't sense their value and attractiveness. It was not until a few years after the 1929 depression that covers began to be appreciated.

I believe I was the first person in my part of New York State, Fulton County, who tried to form a collection of my county's post office postmarks. After making a nice collection, I found that I had a preference for four-bar cancellations, and so started to form a collection of such cancellations of New York State.

This collection has now grown to seventy-eight specimens. Some of the post offices represented have now been closed, and I know of others which are scheduled to be closed. I know of only one post office that has grown from a four-bar to a third class post office, this being *Oswagatchie.*

I know that post offices with Indian names have an interest for quite a few collectors, so I would like to mention a few that are in my collection: *Canada, Caroga, Garoga, Kanona, Ochita, Oswegatchie, Piseco, Sabael, Sabattis, Tahawa,* and *Towahlvondah.*

Nearly all the covers in my collection have either been given to me or rescued from the waste basket, which shows that one can make an interesting collection for next to nothing. Why do so many non-collectors get the idea that this is an expensive hobby?

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Slogan Cancellations

(*Continued from page* 265)

Maryland; September 17-18, 1960—Midwest Philatelic Society Convention Station, Kansas City, Missouri, and September 23-25, 1960—Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society Convention Station, Sioux City, Iowa.

Rochester, New York, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Saint Louis, Missouri, will each have two die hubs in use from August 1 through December 31, 1960, reading "25 YEARS SOCIAL SECURITY IN AMERICA." Orange, Texas, will use one die hub from November 1 through December 31, 1960, with the wording "CAMP FIRE GIRLS GOLDEN JUBILEE 1910-1960," and New York, New York, will have a die hub in use August 27 through September 2, 1960 "8TH WORLD CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY" (for the Welfare of Cripples).

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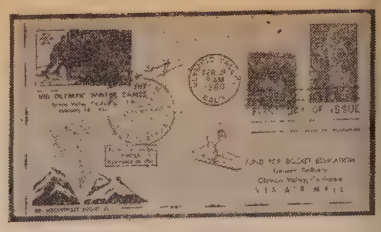
BELGIUM — The "Congo Airlift—1960" set, reported in our August 13th issue, was released on August 3, 1960. The stamps were printed by heliogravure by the Stamp Printing Works at Malines, in sheets of thirty. Jean Van Noten was the designer. The set will be on sale until September 30, 1960, and be valid for postage until September 30, 1961. The denominations are 40c. + 10c. 3F. + 1.50F., and 6F. + 3F., with the proceeds of the surtax going to the National Congo Committee.

—*Administration of Posts*

CHINA (COMMUNIST)—Our thanks to the *China Philatelic Company*, Peking, for a first day cover and copies of the two-value set issued on July 30, 1960, to mark the opening of the 3rd National Congress of Literary and Art Workers. The 4 fen, grey-olive, red and dark brown stamp depicts the "worker, peasant and soldier" badge. The 8 fen, light greenish-blue, ochre, and red stamp shows a stone seal with the floral border design. The stamps were printed by the Peking Stamp Printing Works by photogravure and recess process, in sheets of fifty.

(*Issues of Communist China may not be imported into the United States according to present U.S. law, but listings here are given as a matter of philatelic record.*).

CHINA (FORMOSA)—Our thanks to the *Directorate General of Posts* and *S. Y. Ma*, for first day covers and copies of the four-value Ancient Chinese Paintings set issued on August 4, 1960, and the NT$0.05, grass-yellow Kinmen Chu



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Ancient Chinese paintings in Palace Museum issue of stamps on first day cover dated August 4, 1960, from S. Y. Ma, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China. A cover came also from the Director General of Posts.

Kwang Tower definitive, released on August 1, 1960.

The definitive was printed by offset, in an edition of four million, on ungummed paper.

The Ancient Chinese Paintings set, forecast in our July 30th issue, consists of the following denominations and editions: NT$1.00, two million; NT$1.40, two million; NT$1.60, 1,500,000; NT-$2.00, one million.

COLOMBIA — The following quantities of designated stamps have been overprinted "Unificado" by Ministerial decree: $0,05, Agrarian Bank—327,220; $0,05, St. Vincent de Paul — 74,633; $0,05, St. Ignatius of Loyola—483,859; $0,10, Retreat of San Diego—4,435,632; $0,10, Tequendama Falls — 1,194,676; $0,15, Military School—738,998; $0,20, Ruiz Mountain—3,531,331; $0,20, Military School — 929,255; $0,20, Fencing Championship — 515,894; $0,25, Lajas Sanctuary (lilac)—663,700; $0,25, Lajas Sanctuary (blue) — 2,962,280; $0,25, Mons. Carranquilla — 523,480; $0,25, Father Almanza—1,185,080; $0.25, Post Horn and Wings—2,505,190; $0,30, Galeras Volcano—4,743,844; $0,50, Monkey of the Fountain—1,566,800; $1,00, Mons. Carrasquilla — 1,322,680; $1,20, Miss Universe—422,700; $2,00, Pastelillo Fort —812,409; $3,00, Popayan University—481,268; $5,00, Lajas Sanctuary—356,-545; $10,00, Map of Colombia—165,569.

—*Diego Silva-Parra*

COLOMBIA—On September 1, 1960, Red Cross stamps will be issued. It will be obligatory to use one of these 5c. stamps on all mail during the month of September this year. Proceeds of the sale of these stamps go to the Colombian Red Cross organization.

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COSTA RICA—*Ricardo Contreras* reports that on August 15, 1960, a set of five airmails and souvenir sheet will be issued to commemorate the Pan American Conference. The set will consist of the following denominations and editions: 25c, 300,000; 35c, 75,000; 55c, 50,000; 5,00C, 10,000, 10.00C, 10,000; 2.00C souvenir sheet, 20,000.

Mr. Contreras also informs us that the St. Vincent de Paul set, forecast in our July 30th issue, will be released in September 1960.

CYPRUS — The three-value Independence commemorative set, forecast in our February 6, 1960 issue, and the overprinted British Cyprus definitives, forecast in our February 27th issue, were scheduled to have been released on Independence Day, August 16, 1960.

—*Pierson Ostrow*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Our thanks to *Artia* and *Jindrich Novacek* for first day covers and copies of the five-value set issued on July 25, 1960, honoring the Third Five Year Plan. The values, designs and colors are as follows: 10h., head-gear tower of the "Stalin Mine" at Ostrava-Hermanice, black and green; 20h., power station at Hodonin, red and green-blue; 30h., Klement-Gottwald iron works at Kuncice, grey-blue and crimson; 40h., grubber machine, olive green and blue; 60h., naphtha refinery, green-blue and orange. The stamps were designed by Frantisek Hudecek and engraved by Jaroslav Goldschmied. The set was printed by the rotary recess print combined with photogravure by the Post Printing Office in Prague, in sheets of fifty.

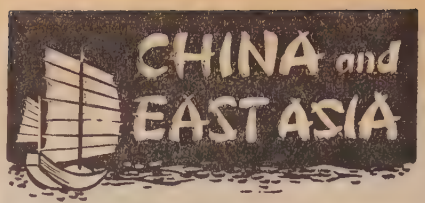
Our thanks, also, to Mr. Novacek for a first day cover of the two-value Bratislava Philatelic Exhibition set, issued July 11, 1960, as reported in our August 6th issue.

DENMARK—Our thanks to *Elmar Stamps,* Morke, for a first day cover of the 30 ore Finsen commemorative, issued August 1, 1960, as forecast in our July 2nd issue.

DENMARK—On September 19, 1960, a 60 ore blue stamp will be issued to mark the anniversary of the formation of the European Post and Telecommunications Conference. The stamp was designed by Pentti Rahikainen and engraved by Reijo Achren. It will be printed in sheets of fifty.

—*Postal Philatelic Agency*

ECUADOR—Our thanks to the *Director General of Posts* for first day covers of the nine-value 11th Inter-American Conference set, reported in our August 13th issue. All of the stamps have a S/1.00 denomination. Stamps depicting the Student Residence at the Catholic University, the Student Residence at the Central University and the Hotel Quito were released on August 5, 1960; stamps showing the Airport, the Road to Desnivel, and the Security Bank were issued on August 6, 1960; and stamps depicting the Ministry of Foreign



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GERMANY (EAST)—Our thanks to *Fritz Barz* and *Ernst Reitzig* for first day covers of the set honoring the 250th anniversary of Meissen porcelain, issued July 28, 1960, as reported in our August 6th issue. The values are 5, 10, 20 and 25 pfennigs.

Mr. Barz also reports that on August 2, 1960, a set of two stamps was scheduled to have been issued to mark the World's Cyclist Championship. The set, designed by Engelbert Schoner, consists of the following values, colors and designs: 20 + 10 pf., black, blue, green, yellow and red, cyclist in rainbow-colored dress of the world champion; 25 + 10 pf., dark brown, blue and gray, three cyclists before final spurt of race.

GERMANY (WEST)—Our thanks to *Ernst Reitzig, Joachim Dill* and *Gerd Kleinhempel* for a first day cover of the 10 pf. and 20 pf. Eucharist World Congress stamps, issued July 30, 1960, as forecast in our June 18th issue.

Our thanks to *Gerd Kleinhempel,* also for a card with special cancellation for the Eucharist World Congress, dated August 2, 1960.

JAPAN—Our thanks to the following for first day covers and copies of the 10 yen Ashizuri Quasi-National Park stamp, issued August 1, 1960, as forecast in our July 2nd issue: *Jyoto Stamp Company; Kanai Stamp Co., Ltd., Kenzi Miwa; S. Miyake; Meiso Mizuhara; Kenji Nakatani; Akio Onishi; H. Tsuge;* and *Riichi Yoshida.*

KOREA (SOUTH)—Our thanks to *Chin Rock Bang, Shorry Chung, William J. Rhee, Chung Chin Soo,* and the *World Stamp Co.* for first day covers, copies and a souvenir sheet of the 40 Hwan stamp issued on August 3, 1960, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Modern Educational System in Korea. The stamp was reported in our August 13th issue.

MONGOLIA—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica* for copies and information of the eight-value set issued to honor the 1960 Olympic Games. The tri-colored stamps consist of the following values and designs: 5 mungs, horse scene of modern pentathlon; 10 mungs, flat-race; 15 mungs, swimming; 20 mungs, wrestling; 30 mungs, hurdle-race; 50 mungs, women's floor-exercise; 70 mungs, high-jump; 1 tugrik, woman discus thrower. The stamps were designed by A. Cziglenyi and printed by the Hungarian State Printing Office in Budapest, by photogravure, on white unwatermarked paper.

NORWAY — Our thanks to *Elmar Stamps,* Denmark, for a cover dated July 9, 1960, with special cancellation from "Ringsakerleiren 1960," the Norwegian Girl Guide Camp.

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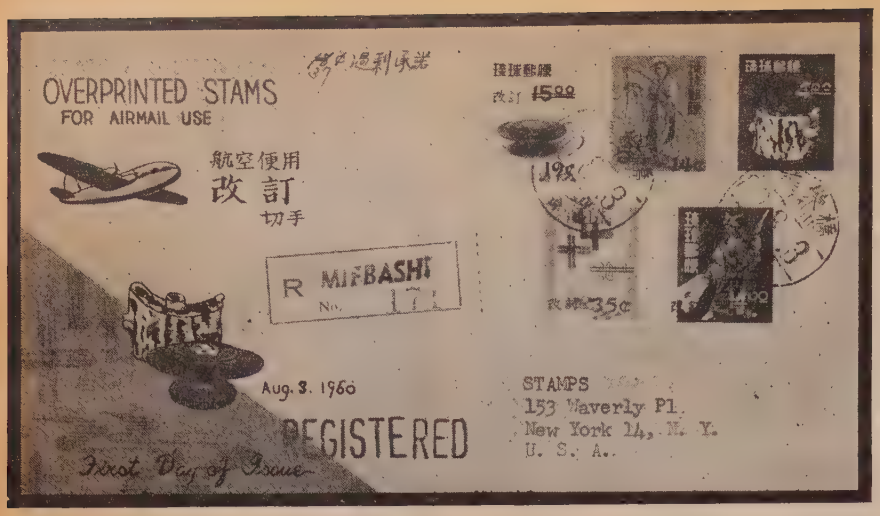

Ryukyu stamps overprinted for airmail use and issued August 3, 1960. Shown on first day cover through courtesy of Joseph V. Bush, Chula Vista, California.

PHILIPPINES—Our thanks to *Chan Hoan Chay, Fernando Francisco* and *Yang Siu-Chong* for first day covers of the set issued July 29, 1960, honoring the 50th anniversary of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, reported in our August 6th issue. The values are 5c and 6c.

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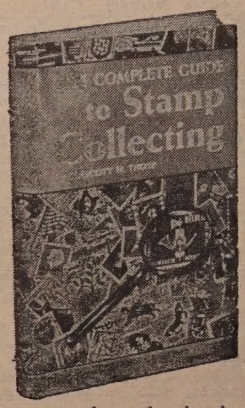

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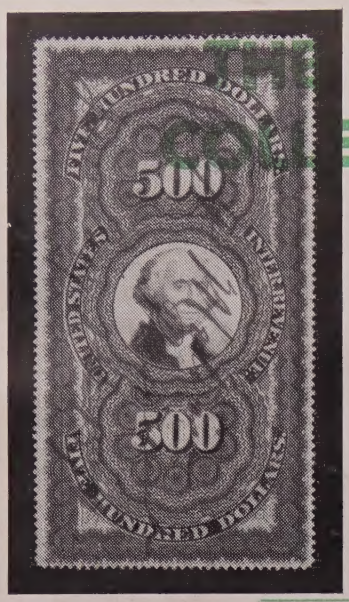

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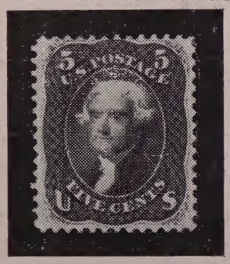

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